CHAPTER XXI.

Distribution of American Publications.

296. *Procedure previously in force.*—Prior to the year 1919, packets containing publications issued under the auspices of the Government of the United States of America, and meant for free distribution to the various Government institutions, private bodies, associations, etc., in India, Burma and other adjoining places, were received in the Office of the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, through the Director-General, India Store Department, London. This procedure was considered by the authorities concerned very expensive and resulted in considerable delay in the receipt and transmission of the books and publications to the various addresses in India, Burma and other places.

297. *Changed procedure.*—At the instance of the Home Authorities and the Government of India, the Government of Bombay undertook the distribution of these packets free of charge, and instructions were given to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution (International Exchange Service, U. S. A.), Washington, to send the consignments of such publications direct to the address of the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, who was entrusted with the work of their distribution and transmission to the addressees under the frank of his office as the Indian Exchange Distributing Agency. This work was done by that Officer until recently and the Government of Bombay has borne the charges wholly incurred on their distribution (Government Order, General Department, No. 172, dated 8th January 1919).

298. *New arrangement.*—The Government of India Act of 1935, however made this arrangement null and void and owing to the changed constitutional relationship between the Central and the Provincial Governments, it was, on a question raised by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, decided that it was improper on the part of the Government of Bombay to bear the whole cost of distribution. The arrangement in force, was, however, ordered to be continued by the Government of Bombay provided the Central and other Provincial Governments agreed to accept the debit on account of the postage and overhead charges incurred by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, in the transmission of the packets intended for the several addressees within their jurisdiction.

299. *Payment of charges.*—Several Provincial Governments, Indian States and other bodies have agreed to bear the cost of the distribution incurred by the stationery office. The Government of Bombay have accordingly issued orders in their General Department Resolution No. 2363/33, dated 26th March 1941, that the American publications received through the International Exchange Service (Smithsonian Institution, U. S. A., Washington) should be distributed by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, only to those

Governments, Indian States and Institutions, as printed below, who have agreed to bear the cost of the distribution of the publications in question.

300. List of Governments and Indian States, etc., who have agreed to bear the cost of distribution :—

	Name.	Publications intended for
1.	Government of Bombay ..	Officers, departments and Institutions in their jurisdiction.
2.	Government of Madras ..	Do.
3.	Government of Bihar ..	Do.
4.	Government of India ..	Do.
5.	Government of the United Provinces.	Do.
6.	Government of the Punjab ..	Do.
7.	Government of Sind ..	Do.
8.	Coorg Administration ..	Do.
	Indian States.	
9.	Travancore Government ..	Do.
10.	Pudokkottai Darbar ..	Do.
11.	Cochin Government ..	Do.
12.	Bhavalpur Darbar ..	Do.
13.	Baroda Government ..	Do.
14.	Bikaner Government ..	Do.
15.	Jaipur Government ..	Do.
16.	Jodhpur Government ..	Do.
17.	Aundh Darbar ..	Do.
18.	Patiala Government ..	Do.
19.	Mysore Government ..	Do.
20.	Sangli Darbar ..	Do.
	Other Bodies.	
21.	University of Allahabad ..	The University.

301. *Supply and Recoveries.*—The Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, shall accordingly supply the publications to the Governments, Indian States and institutions on receipt from America and recover the charges on account of the actual postage paid by him and 33⅓ per cent. as overhead charges for forwarding the publications in a manner indicated by the several Governments, Indian States and bodies from time to time. In the case of the addressees who have not suggested any particular procedure, the cost of distribution shall be recovered either in cash or by book adjustment through the accounts officers concerned.

302. *Method of recovery—Adjustment and credit.*—The expenditure on account of the clerical labour, etc., made by the Superintendent,

to Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, shall be debited to the budget head "56—Stationery and Printing" and the receipts on account of postage, overhead charges including the expenditure on account of the clerical labour, etc., and recovered from the addressees, shall be credited to the budget head "XLV—Stationery and Printing" (paragraph 4 of Government Resolution, General Department, No. 2363/33, dated 26th March 1941). A charge of 33⅓ per cent. is considered suitable to cover all overhead charges incurred by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, and shall, therefore, be recovered from the addressees who have agreed to bear the cost of distribution.

303! *Refund of Claims irrecoverable.*—(*a*) The Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, U. S. A., in his letter dated 20th February 1940, to the Secretary to Government of Bombay, General Department, has agreed to refund the expenses, on presentation of a statement giving the amounts connected with the transmission of the packets which the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, is unable to collect from the Provinces and which cannot be delivered free under frank.

(*b*) *Orders of Government.*—The Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, should submit to Government in the General Department, such statements of expenses from time to time to enable the Government of Bombay to recover the amount from the Smithsonian Institution, U. S. A. (Government Endorsement, in the General Department, No. 2363/33/G, dated 30th April 1940).

Letter No. 2363/33/C, dated 22nd December 1938 from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., C/o the Collector of Customs, Port of New York, U. S. A.

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 15th March 1918, addressed to the Under Secretary of State for India, Record Department, London, on the subject—"arrangements for the exchange of official publications between the United States of America through the Smithsonian Institution as their authorised agents and the various Governments and administrations in India"—and to state that under an arrangement made in 1919 packages containing official publications of the Government of the United States of America meant for distribution to the various Government institutions, private bodies, Associations, etc., in India are received through the Smithsonian Institution by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, and are distributed by him to the addressees. It has now been brought to the notice of Government that packages meant for institutions, etc., situated in countries outside India, such as Burma, Japan, China, Holland, Java, etc., as well as institutions etc., that come under the jurisdiction of foreign Governments in India, such as the Portuguese Government, are also sent to the Superintendent, for distribution to the addressees. I am, therefore, to request that publications meant for such institutions, etc., may please be sent direct

the institutions or to the Governments under whose jurisdiction they come and not to the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay. In this connection I am to enclose a copy of this Government letter No. 2363/33/C, dated the 22nd December 1938, to the Government of Burma for your information.

Letter No. 2363/33/C, dated 6th December 1939, to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., C/o the Collector of Customs, Port of New York, U. S. A.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter dated the 29th July 1939 on the subject—"arrangement for the exchange of official publications between the U. S. A. through the Smithsonian Institution as their authorised agents and the various Governments and Administrations in India"—I am directed to state that the previous arrangement aprroved by the Government of India under which the work of distributing publications received from your institution at public expense was entrusted to the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, is now out of date in view of the enactment of the Government of India Act, 1935, and the inauguration of Provincial Autonomy. The Government of Bombay accordingly cannot be expected to bear the charges of distributing the publications received from your institution to the various Provincial Governments and Indian States.

2. I am to forward herewith copies of the letters* mentioned in the accompanying list and to request that in the circumstances stated in the letters you will be so good as to send the publications intended for the Provincial Governments and the Indian States mentioned below to them direct :—

(1) Government of the North-West Frontier Province.

(2) Indore State.

(3) Dewas (Junior) State.

(4) Bhopal State.

(5) Kashmir State.

(6) Idar State.

(7) Bhavanagar State.

(8) Dholpur State.

(9) Government of Orissa.

(10) Government of Bengal.

(11) Government of Assam.

(12) Government of C. P. and Berar.

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* Not printed.

Letter No. 2363/33/C, General Department, dated 22nd December 1938, from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Burma, Education Department [Education (I) Branch], Rangoon.

In modification of this Government letter No. 2363/33/D, dated the 8th March 1938, and in reply to your letter No. 45 QS. 38 (390), dated the 24th March 1938, on the subject of the question of recovery of charges incurred on account of distribution of—from the Government of India and other Provincial Governments, I am directed to say that on reconsideration, the Government of Bombay regrets that it will not be possible for it to continue the arrangement at present in force regarding the distribution of the publications of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, to the addressees in Burma even when the Government of Burma is prepared to accept the debit of the charge on account of postage and overhead charges, etc., involved in forwarding packages meant for its officers and departments or for institutions within its jurisdiction. I am, therefore, to request that the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution may be asked to supply the publications to your officers, etc., direct from the Institution. In this connection I am to enclose for your information a copy of this Government letter* No. 2363/33/C, dated the 22nd December 1938, to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.